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Applicant: DENIS GRAVEL ET AL.  
Serial No.: 09/786,639 ✓ Group Art Unit:  
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Title: GRF ANALOGS WITH INCREASED BIOLOGICAL POTENCY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

**January 24, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows (a marked-up version of the amended claims is attached hereto):

1. (Amended) An hydrophobic GRF analog of formula A:

x — GRF — peptide (A)

wherein

the GRF peptide is a peptide of formula B;

A1-A2-Asp-Ala-Ile-Phe-Thr-A8-Ser-Tyr-Arg-Lys-A13-

Leu-A15-Gln-Leu-A-18-Ala-Arg-Lys-Leu-Leu-A24-A25-

Ile-A27-A28-Arg-A30-R<sub>0</sub>

(B)

A1 is Tyr or His;